

## Eligibility Certificate

### PATHWAY FOUR – EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS 2009

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Pathway Four is for applicants with architectural qualifications that are not recognised qualifications from New Zealand or Australia. These applicants must first obtain an **Eligibility Certificate** to then apply for registration under Pathway 1. For this, applicants must satisfy the NZRAB **Qualifications Committee** that their qualifications are equivalent to a recognised New Zealand or Australian degree in Architecture.

You may need to complete a New Zealand Professional Practice course to achieve equivalency. This course would be at a senior level (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year) within an accredited architecture programme at Unitec, University of Auckland or Victoria University of Wellington. **If you have passed this course, please include evidence from the university with your application.**

Applicants must follow the processes outlined below. The Board can require an applicant to be assessed by interview, should that be considered necessary.

**The fee for Pathway 4 is \$506.25 incl GST.**

Please make your cheque payable to NZRAB and return with your completed application form

**or**

Pay by Visa or MasterCard credit cards through the facility on the Board's website (Note this payment method on your application form)

**or**

Pay by electronic transfer to: NZRAB – ASB – Wellington. (Note this payment method on your application form)

You must quote **P4** and your last name

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## Step One – Application

Each applicant is required to:

1. Submit an application using the Pathway Four application form with the appropriate fee.
2. Provide a certified, translated copy of his or her qualification, including transcripts of course material that record the papers or courses taken and the grades achieved. (Note: provide evidence of passing any NZ university architectural courses or papers)
3. Provide evidence of competence in the English language, where the applicant has **not** studied at a New Zealand university or where the medium of instruction for the applicant's Architecture degree was **not** English. The options are:

- a test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 575 with, preferably, a TWE of 5; or 237 on the computer-based test; or 90 on the internet-based test with (preferably) a writing score of 20; or
- an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (general) overall band of 6.5, with no sub-score below 5.5 in the four test modules (Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking); or
- a Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) grade B / CPE grade C; or
- a letter from the applicant's employer confirming that his or her English is satisfactory in the context of architectural practice.

## **Step Two – Assessment of Qualification**

1. Once the application has been received, the **Qualifications Committee** determines if the applicant's overseas qualification is equivalent to a recognised degree in architecture.
2. If the applicant's qualification is assessed as **not** being equivalent, the applicant is advised as to what additional study is required to enable the applicant to attain eligibility.